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The following information was obtained in Leipzig (N 52/E 21) :

1. Flak Kaserne, Heiterblick :

- a. Occupied to capacity by 1,000 to 1,200 troops of tank, artillery and infantry units.
- b. Troops observed were 20 to 23-year-old soldiers from the European section of the Soviet Union.
- c. Two companies were observed at section drill in the kaserne yard on 10 February 1950. Numerous motor vehicles with numbers of the E 1-11-xx, E 1-12-xx, 7-52-xx and 7-53-xx series communicated in the kaserne. (1)
- d. According to traffic observed, the troops stationed in the kaserne seemed to belong to a division the mass of which is in the area SE of Leipzig.

2. Flak Kaserne, Schoenau :

- a. Occupied to capacity by 1,200 to 1,500 troops of units of various branches of service.
- b. According to the frequency of the branch-of-service insignia observed, the following units were stationed in the kaserne :
Large elements of a mechanized regiment, a tank unit, an artil-

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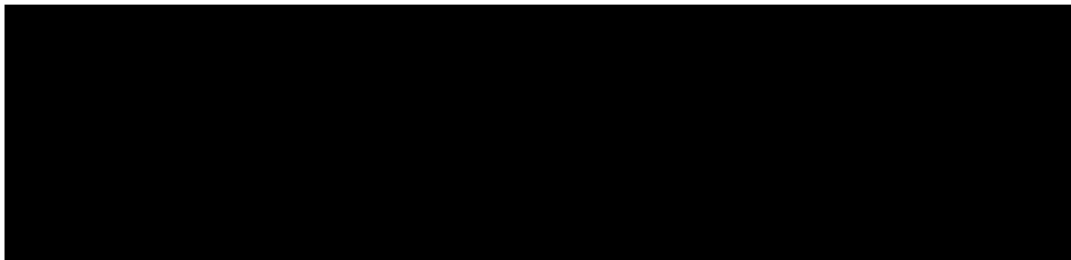


lery unit, and a rocket launcher unit.

c. There was much motor traffic between the kaserne and Leipzig-Lindenau.

d. Forty soldiers were instructed with an AT gun of about 50 mm caliber on the training field of the kaserne on 15 February 1950.

e. Two rocket launchers left the rear gate of the kaserne heading toward the city. The roar of tank motors was heard from the ka-
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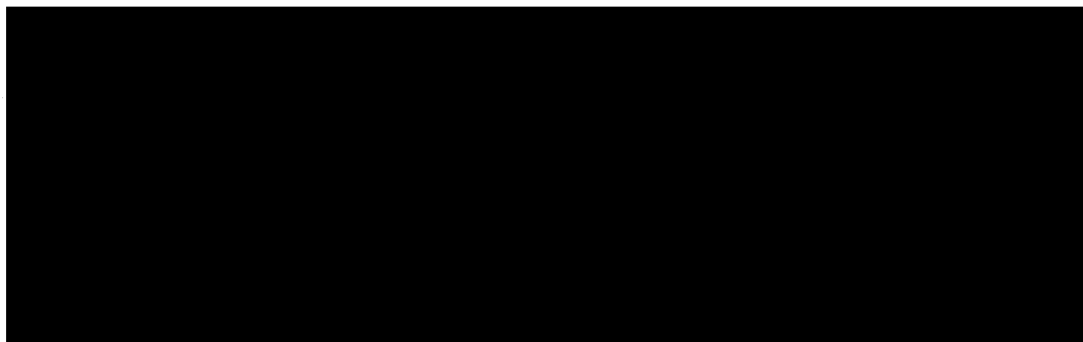
3. Hindenburg Kaserne :

Occupied to capacity by 500 to 600 troops of units of various branches of service. Most of the soldiers were infantrymen wearing black-bordered red epaulets; others wore black epaulets. (3)

4. Train Kaserne :

a. Occupied by technical units of about 800 troops. All soldiers wore black epaulets .

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c. The unit in the kaserne appeared to be independent and not subordinate to any other Leipzig unit.

5. a. A large MVD unit, estimated at 700 to 800 troops, was still in the former German Army clothing depot, Leipzig-Gohlis (H 52/E 21) on 14 February 1950.
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c. Another MVD unit of unidentified strength was in the building of the former Wehrersatzinspektion (recruiting area headquarters) on Selneckerstrasse. The building was unusually strictly guarded.

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Comment :

(1) Flak Kaserne, Heiterblick.

According to previous reports * and the above information, the kaserne is still occupied by component units of the 8th Gds Mecz Div (presumably including the 21st Gds Mecz Regt).

(2) Flak Kaserne, Schoenau.

According to previous reports * and the evaluation of motor vehicle numbers (also listed in the above report) the kaserne is assumed to be occupied by component units of the 21st Gds Mecz Div, headquarters units of the XXIX Gds Mtz Rifle Corps and, possibly, headquarters units of the Eighth Gds Army and component units of the 13th AAA Div.

(3) Hindenburg Kaserne.

Occupied by units of the GOFG, according to available information and the evaluation of motor vehicle numbers.

(4) Train Kaserne.

Occupied by units of the GOFG or of the SCC, according to previous reports. *

(5) The former German Army clothing depot, Leipzig-Gohlis, is still occupied by an MVD unit. The MGB Operational District is in the former Wehrersatzinspektion on Selneckestrasse, corner of Windscheidstrasse.

the Leipzig-Gohlis MGB/MVD troops may be subordinate to a headquarters in the Reil Kaserne, Halle.

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